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<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/679,027	SYED ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Vishu K. Mendiratta	3711	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1.  This communication is responsive to 6/3/05.
2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-13, 15-17, 19-24 and 29-35.
3.  The drawings filed on 03 October 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a)  All
  - b)  Some\*    c)  None    of the:
    1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5.  A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6.  CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a)  including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b)  including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
 Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
7.  DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

#### Attachment(s)

1.  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2.  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3.  Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date 10/20/03
4.  Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5.  Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6.  Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
7.  Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8.  Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9.  Other \_\_\_\_\_.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

1. Claims 1-13,15-17,19-24,29-35 allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: None of the cited prior art references either alone or in combination disclose a method of playing a board game allowing a player to use pushing and pulling move and further including all other limitations of claim 1.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: None of the cited prior art references either alone or in combination disclose a method of playing a board game allowing a player to freeze an opponent game piece on a game board space subject to condition that only a stronger piece can manipulate a less stronger piece and further including all other limitations of claim 12.
4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: None of the cited prior art references either alone or in combination disclose a method of playing a board game allowing a player to remove an opponent's playing piece from a visibly marked trap space subject to condition that no adjacent spaces to the trap space are occupied by the opponent's game pieces and further including all other limitations of claim 22.
5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: None of the cited prior art references either alone or in combination disclose a board game apparatus having rectangular array of 64 spaces and **consisting of** four trap spaces located at the intersections of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> rows and 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> columns and further including all other limitations of claim 29. Examiner further views that the trap spaces

have a specific functionality as detailed in the specification. They are visually marked spaces and removal of an opponent piece from a trap space is only possible if no adjacent spaces are occupied by any other opponent pieces.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vishu K. Mendiratta whose telephone number is (571) 272-4426. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8AM to 5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Greg Vidovich can be reached on (571) 272-4415. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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